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April 14 deadline for
low number drawing!

Parker-Edwards Damascus Hunter! 5 1/4" long closed featuring genuine 512 layer-damascus steel blade and second cut stag handle for only **\$59.00** each. Only 5,000 available on a first come basis. Made in the USA.

Presenting the 1985 American Blade Collectors Club Knives!

Exclusively for American Blade Collectors Members.

If you receive "The Blade Magazine" you are automatically an ABC member. If you are not an ABC member you are invited to join for only \$15.99 per year!

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Save \$5.00 and get MATCHING NUMBERS TOO! One of each for only \$86.99. (\$91.99 if ordered singly.) You can also break down paying into three monthly payments! Order now!

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Life Members! Get your membership number on one set!

These knives will be a sell-out!

IXL Pearl Six Blade! A replica of the knife carried by Abraham Lincoln, only improved with genuine smoked mother of pearl handles. Six blades! Only **\$32.99**. Made in Japan by descendants of ancient samurai sword makers!

*Workmen in Jacksonville,
Alabama forging the
damascus steel used in one
of the ABC club knives for
1985.*



*Also for '85, a replica
of Lincoln's personal
pocketknife!*



A Unique Chance to Invest in Cutlery Artistry...

...Forged Damascus Steel From American Craftsmen!

Knives made from legendary damascus steel have sold for as much as \$1000 per blade inch, but through a special arrangement with Knifemakers Guild member Fain Edwards, American Blade Collectors Association is pleased to offer its members a 5 inch lockback knife featuring Edward's forged damascus AmeriSteel at the once-in-a-lifetime price of \$59.00!

Damascus steel is steeped in the annals of history, dismaying early Crusaders with its keenness and durability. At one time the forgers of this unique steel were forced to have their tongues cut out so that the secrets of damascus might not be revealed.

It is sufficient to say that the secrets of this steel are not that closely guarded today. But it is a special steel, star-

ting with layers of high and low carbon steel, which is heated time and time again, folded, and hammered out again and again until each piece will have 512 layers of steel, forming some of the most beautiful patterns to be found on any piece of cutlery.

Parker-Edwards makes this knife for ABC, housing this rare steel in a popular 5 inch (closed length) lockback knife handled in second cut stag. The bolsters of the knife are etched with the ABC commemorative etching to preserve the beauty of the damascus steel blade.

At this price some members may even choose to buy the knife for use, since this is one of the lowest prices ever offered for a genuine forged damascus knife!

And Own a Piece of History Too!

On an April night in 1865, John Wilkes Booth murdered one of America's greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln. Of the many historical relics associated with that tragic night, one only came to light in the 1970's when a curator in the National Archives discovered an envelope containing the contents of Lincoln's pocket on that night in Ford's Theatre.

In that group of items was a beautiful, well made, six blade congress knife. Now American Blade Collectors Association brings a reproduction of that knife exclusively to its members. A knife with history rubbed on it is the best way to describe this precisely done example of the cutler's art.

The pattern we are offering is based on the William Gilchrist knife found in the pocket of Abraham Lincoln on the night he was assassinated. The only major difference is we have substituted the rare and exotic black mother of

pearl handle in place of the bone found on the original knife.

Lincoln was well known as a whittler, and no doubt found great use for six blades. Today it is only through rare issues like this offer that it is possible to own a six blade knife!

In addition to the historical pattern, the knife also features the finest surgical steel blades, with the master blade etched with the American Blade Collectors special etching.

You will appreciate few knives more than this historical replica offered at a price closer to a using knife than a rare collectors item. The knife is made by IXL-Rodgers, Wostenholm, USA LTD, in their Seki City, Japan facility, utilizing the talents of knifemakers whose ancestors made the revered sword of the Samurai.

To collect or to use, you will find this knife works well in either situation!